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SUBJ: GSDR OBJECTS TO VOA STATEMENT

REF: MOGADISCIO 0656

1. LTCOL ABDUL HAMID ALI YUSUF, SECRETARIAT OF SRC, COMPLAINED TO PAO OF VOA ENGLISH BROADCAST AT 1900 HOURS GMT SATURDAY, MAY 12 WHICH CONTAINED ERRONEOUS STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD REGARDING GSDR' S ATTITUDE TOWARD CURRENT LIBYAN CAMPAIGN ON OAU.

2. PAO REQUESTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY HEARD TAPE OF BROADCAST MONITORED BY RADIO MOGADISCIO IN OFFICE OF DIRGEN INFORMATION AND WAS GIVEN TYPED COPY OF BROADCAST. PORTION IN QUESTION STATES: " THE SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE TOLD THE LIBYAN DELEGATION TOURING AFRICA SOMALIA SUPPORTS LIBY' S PROPOSAL THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, AND THAT THE OAU HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER STATE."

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EM DIRGEN SAID THAT, IN FACT, PRESIDENT SIAD HAD TOLD LIBYAN DELEGATON THAT SOMALIA BELIEVES LIBYA SHOULD ATTEND AND SUBMIT ITS POINT OF VIEW AT THE FORTHCOMING OAU CONFERENCES RATHER THAN BOYCOTT CONFERENCE.

4. REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY CITING SOURCE FOR VOA ITEM OR RETRACTION OF STATEMENT WHICH WE CAN SUPPLY SOMALI OFFICIALS.

5. COMMENT: IF ITEM BASED ON AFP OR ARAB SOURCE, IT WOULD SEEM QUESTIONABLE POLICY TO CARRY IT IN VIEW EMBASSY' S CABLE (REFTEL) WHICH CLEARLY INDICATED GSDR HAD MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT. ITEM SERVES THOSE IN GSDR WHO WISH TO CONTINUE PAST SUSPICIONS OF US ATTITUDE TOWARD GSDR. TIMING PARTICULARLY BAD BECAUSE OF HIM' S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. CROMWELL

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